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SUBJECT: SENGHOR IRAN VISIT

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1. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR RETURNED APRIL 28 FROM TEHRAN, TESTIFYING TO "LARGE PLACE" SENEGALESE FOREIGN POLICY ASCRIBES TO IRANO-SENEGALESE COOPERATION WHICH, HE TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL, HAS PASSED "IRREVERSIBLE TURNING POINT" AND WAS "ONE OF THE BEST (EXAMPLES OF) COOPERATION WHICH SENEGAL HAS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES." SENGHOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MAJOR AFRICAN PROBLEMS WITH SHAH AND REPORTED THAT IRAN HAD ENGAGED ITSELF IN "MORE IMPORTANT FASHION THAN WE HAD HOPED" IN CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED MINERAL-PETROLEUM PART IN SENEGAL AND IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR KEUR FARAH PAHLAVI NEW TOWNNRSINCLUDING MOSQUE, CHURCH AND CULTURAL AND ARTISANAL CENTERS. SENGHOR SAID SHABANOU HAD PRESIDED OVER "VERY GOOD SESSION" OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON URBANISM DURING HIS VISIT, AND IRAN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN CREATION OF IRANO-SENEGALESE BANK, 60 PERCENT OF WHOSE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE IN HOUSING SECTOR (PRESUMABLY CONCENTRATED IN NEW TOWN, WHERE SENGHOR SAID HE HOPED
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TO ACHIEVE "A STYLE OF IRANO-SENEGALESE SYMBIOSIS)." NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON URBANISM WILL TAKE PLACE IN EARLY 1979, FOLLOWING SERIES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MEANTIME.

2. SPEAKING OF KHARTOUM VISIT ENROUTE HOME, SENGHOR SAID "WE HAD TO STOP SOMEWHERE, SO I CHOSE THE SUDAN."

HE MET THERE WITH SUDANESE VICE PRESIDENT FOR DISCUSSION
OF JULY OAU SUMIT IN KHARTOUM, WHICH SENGHOR INDICATED
HE WOULD ATTEND.
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